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Dear Mr. Dick:

This letter is to update you as to our progress with "clean-up activity at our Collingsworth Street site (Cavalcade) in Houston, Texas. In accordance with our last conversation, by telephone, Koppers is working toward having a proposed clean-up agreement in your hands in early May so that you can judge our actions prior to your Superfund decision date in June, 1984.

In attempting to write the State of Texas a description of what we will commit to do at Collingsworth, we discovered that the Camp Dresser & McKee Report and its mapping was inadequate for us to locate our old plant site, and relate it to the areas you wanted cleaned-up. In fact, we could not locate most of the clean-up areas from the available information or during our site visits. Re-subdivision at the site has eliminated old property lines, and we did not have access to the aerial photographs used to identify "waste" sites of prior years. The sketches in the State's review of the site are not sufficiently accurate to propose any kind of remedial work.

In order to move ahead, Koppers issued a verbal purchase order on March 7, 1984 to McClelland Engineers of Houston, Texas to conduct the following work, preparatory to Koppers detailing the actual clean-up work:

1. Prepare a master base map at the scale of 1"=100', including our past property lines, along with the present property lines.
2. Locate existing monitoring wells on the base map.
3. Conduct field surveys to locate wells and elevation of groundwater (it became clear in our conversations with McClelland that the CDM Report was inadequate on both of these issues).
4. Obtain aerial photographs of the tract for the years 1933, 1944, 1953, 1957, and 1964.

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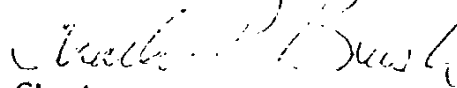
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Our actual purchase order was issued on March 22, 1984 (No. R4-1077) with the condition, "it is understood by the vendor that they will use due diligence to complete all phases of the work in as short a time as possible."

It is Koppers intent, upon receipt of the above work, to identify suspect areas, locate them on the base map and send you a letter wherein Koppers agrees to the cleanup work and groundwater monitoring as outlined in our first meeting. Internally, Koppers has reviewed the above course of action and is committed to a clean-up at this old plant site.

I trust that this information provides you with a status report adequate for your purposes.

Sincerely yours,



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